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1. Starting Procedure

- a. One mobile starter on a single-axled chassis is allotted to each three IL-28's. The body of the starter measures about 1 cubic meter.
- b. The starter is hand-operated alongside the aircraft, and a cable, approximately 2 cm in diameter, leading from the starter, is attached to a projection situated beneath the engines. The cable is fitted to the port and starboard engine in turn.

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2. Refuelling Procedure

Normal tank trucks are used for refuelling. The truck parks alongside the aircraft with its engine idling while the fuel pipe is being inserted. The pipe from the truck is led through the front of the cockpit entrance into the interior of the aircraft with about two meters length of pipe being inside the aircraft during refuelling. The engine of the truck is then accelerated, remaining at this speed for exactly six minutes.

3. Cockpit Entry and Crew Positions

All aircraft seen on the airfield were of the same type, the noticeable feature being the rear-gunner's position at the tail with the barrel of a cannon protruding from the rear of the tail position. The number of crewmen seen entering the aircraft varied between four and five, including the rear gunner. The rear gunner entered his position from below through a hatch which drops down and is fitted with steps. The rest of the crew entered the aircraft through an entrance to the cockpit. The cockpit cover drops down on hinges in two sections, to port and starboard. The crew uses a ladder which does not appear to be attached to the aircraft or carried in the aircraft.

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